

Congressman Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. today issued the following statement regarding the tragic accident at Midway Airport:

"I want to offer my deepest condolences to the family of Joshua Woods, the six-year old boy who died from Thursday's collision with the Southwest airliner outside Midway International Airport. My thoughts and prayers are with the Woods family, and all of those who have been hurt and injured by the tragic accident in Chicago.

"Today, I am exercising my responsibilities as a Member of Congress. In letters to the U.S. Department of Transportation and the National Transportation Safety Board, I have called on federal officials to launch a full and thorough investigation into this tragic accident. Such a comprehensive and detailed review must establish how and why this incident happened. More importantly, it must determine what steps, if any, may be taken to make our airports and air transportation system safer and to prevent such a tragedy from happening again.

"In the wake of this tragedy, a thorough examination and review by the federal government is the most responsible, appropriate and significant response."